

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: KITE CATTLE CO. SHOOTING PRESERVE

Application Date: JUNE 19, 2002

Name, Address and Phone Number: CLAY BEDFORD

664 FATTIG CREEK RD

ROUNDUP, MT 59072

Project Location: DELPHIA, MONTANA portion of T9N R28E section 32

Description of Project: Shooting preserve operated for commercial use by the public. The shooting preserve will consist of a total of 160 acres and the applicant proposes to release ring-necked pheasants and Hungarian partridge for harvest by clients. Applicant would benefit from the commercial nature of the preserve by the creation of additional income.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction:

None

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

| Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to: | Unknown | Potentially Significant | Minor | None | Can Be Mitigated | Comments Below Or On Attached Pages |
|---|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources | | | | X | | |
| 2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats | | | X | | | |
| 3. Introduction of new species into an area | | | | X | | |
| 4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality | | | | X | | |
| 5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater) | | | | X | | |
| 6. Existing water right or reservation | | | | X | | |
| 7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture | | | | X | | |
| 8. Air quality or objectionable odors | | | | X | | |
| 9. Historical & archaeological sites | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy | | | | X | | |
| 11. Aesthetics | | | | X | | |

Comments - NONE

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment .

| Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to: | Unknown | Potentially Significant | Minor | None | Can Be Mitigated | Comments Below Or On Attached Pages |
|--|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Social structures and cultural diversity | | | | X | | |
| 2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat | | | | X | | |
| 3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue | | | | X | | |
| 4. Agricultural production | | | | X | | |
| 5. Human health | | | X | | X | |
| 6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income | | | | X | | |
| 7. Access to & quality of recreational activities | | | | X | | |
| 8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances) | | | | X | | |
| 9. Distribution & density of population and housing | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands for government services | | | X | | | |
| 11. Industrial and/or commercial activity | | | X | | | |

Comments

5. Proposed area covers two county roadways where a concern for public safety exists.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur?

Minor concerns due to the county roadways within the proposed shooting preserves boundaries. However, this potential risk is negligible. Laws in place do restrict shooting from, on, or across any public highway (MCA87-3-101)

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant?

No

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

After analysis of the proposal, it appears to be a reasonable application for the proposed area. No alternative measures would be needed under the current proposal.

The no action alternative would leave the proposed area as is; leaving the applicant without the opportunity to earn income from the property.

List suggested mitigative measures for license: A no-shooting zone / safety zone could be created to address the public safety concern of the public roadway intersection within the proposed preserve.

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA:

EA prepared by: Adam Rahmlow Roundup Game Warden

Date Completed:

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:

Describe public involvement, if any: Neighboring landowners were notified of this project and asked for comment. The EA was also placed on the FWP website for public review from September 5 until September 15, 2002. Comments may be e-mailed to Warden Adam Rahmlow at arahmlow@midrivers.com.

Recommendation for license approval:

Wildlife Manager

Date

Warden Captain

Date